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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/476,618
Filing Date	12/31/1999
First Named Inventor	David W. Kurzynski
Group Art Unit	2171
Examiner Name	Etienne P. Leroux
Attorney Docket Number	5024-00027

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RTE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/replay under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other _____

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____ Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorneys

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2401
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) | 04/14/2004 SZEWDIE1 00000115 502401 09476618
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA
iii. Other _____
b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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